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Weather: The National Weather Service (NWS) is expecting dry weather for the next 24 hours. However, Saturday night, another system will move into southern Wisconsin bringing about ½ inch of rain, possible hail and strong winds. The next system will be the middle of next week.

Flooding Response

The NWS is reporting that the Fox River at Burlington remains at the major flood stage. It should fall into moderate flood stage tonight and out of flood stage by Wednesday. The Fox River at New Munster will remain at major flood stage until next Thursday.

Burlington

The City of Burlington held a press conference earlier today. They have damage assessment teams are out looking at damage and collecting information from residents. At this time, they do not need volunteers or donations. If people wish to help out, they should donate money at any BMO Harris Bank and directed towards Burlington Flood Relief. A curfew will continue tonight from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am. Power remains out for about 4,000 customers. The utility is working as quickly as possible as water begins to recede. If residents have damage or have other flood questions, they can contact 2-1-1. The American Red Cross has a shelter opened at 400 McCanna Parkway. The Racine County Health Department will begin distributing flood cleanup kits.

To help with Echo Lake Dam in Burlington, the Department of Natural Resources is working with local officials to begin gradually lowering the water levels. Dam safety officials have noticed erosion to the embankment next to the dam. The release of water should help and officials do not expect any downstream impact due to the slow draw down.

The Wisconsin State Patrol is conducting aerial damage assessments this afternoon. The Southeast Incident Management Team is in the process of demobilizing. However, they are available if needed.

The Wisconsin National Guard continues to provide assistance. They have 63 soldiers assisting with traffic control at the four bridges and with welfare checks.

Kenosha

DNR is providing two boats and four law enforcement offices to assist with welfare checks in areas that can only safely be reached by boats.

Silver Lake officials were holding a meeting this afternoon with residents affected by flooding.

Other State Information

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